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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/702)*]

69/264. Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2016–2017

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit, in off-budget years, an outline of the proposed programme budget for the following biennium,

Reaffirming also section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming further rule 153 of its rules of procedure,

Recalling its resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003,

Recalling also section XII of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2016–2017[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the recommendations contained therein,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Reaffirms* that the budget outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium and promote greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process, thereby facilitating the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

4. *Also reaffirms* that the proposed programme budget outline shall contain an indication of the following:

(*a*) A preliminary estimate of resources needed to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium;

[1] A/69/416.
[2] A/69/556.

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(*b*) Priorities, reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature;

(*c*) Real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget;

(*d*) Size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources;

5. *Stresses* that the budget outline is a preliminary estimate of resources;

6. *Decides* that the preliminary estimate of resources for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 should therefore include a provision for special political missions, in the amount of 1,130,400,000 United States dollars, which should be reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017, and that additional requirements shall continue to be treated in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/213;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to prepare his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 on the basis of a preliminary estimate of 5,558,395,600 dollars at revised 2014–2015 rates;

8. *Decides* that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 shall contain provisions for recosting on the basis of the existing methodology;

9. *Also decides* that the priorities for the biennium 2016–2017 shall be the following:

(*a*) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

(*b*) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(*c*) Development of Africa;

(*d*) Promotion of human rights;

(*e*) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(*f*) Promotion of justice and international law;

(*g*) Disarmament;

(*h*) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reflect the priorities outlined in paragraph 9 above when presenting the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017;

11. *Reaffirms* that the budget proposals of the Secretary-General should reflect resource levels commensurate with mandates for their full, efficient and effective implementation;

12. *Reaffirms its request* to the Secretary-General to propose, in future budget submissions, measures to offset budget increases, wherever possible, in particular through more efficient back-office activities, services, functions and structures, without undermining the implementation of mandated programme activities;

13. *Decides* that the contingency fund shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate, namely, at 41,687,967 dollars, that this amount shall be in addition to the overall level of the preliminary estimate and that it shall be used in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund.

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